

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, January 25, 2022)
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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric Colvin
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner John E. O'Connor
David Weiskopf, County Attorney, Acting County Administrator
ALisa Casas, Communications Director, Public Information Office

Absent: Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:01 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Consent Agenda

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes of January 11, 2022, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan, O'Connor

2. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. National Mentoring Month
- B. School Choice Week

3. COMMENDATION

A commendation was presented to Christine Wray for her Retirement.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AS COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY

I move to adjourn as the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and reconvene as the St. Mary's County Board of Health.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan, O'Connor

4. ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

A. BOARD OF HEALTH

Present: Dr. Meenaksi Brewster, Health Officer

Dr. Brewster presented updated Covid-19 data. She discussed the declining rate of infection and provided information on Covid-19 testing and vaccination sites. She emphasized that the county is still in a high transmission rate of Covid-19, the importance of citizens getting their vaccination boosters, and wearing masks.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AS THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

I move to adjourn as the St. Mary's County Board of Health and reconvene as the Commissioners of St. Mary's County.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan, O'Connor

5. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates

MOTION 1: I move that we approve a letter of support for HB 44/SB 295 - Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Emergency Service Transporters – Reimbursement with amendments and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to the House and Senate Committees for hearings on this bill.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 2: I move to send a letter of opposition to SB 136 – College of Southern Maryland - Charles County Campus - Transition to Charles County Community College and any other legislation that is cross filed-on the House side in reference to SB 136 and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of opposition to the Delegation and to the House and Senate Committees for hearings on this bill.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan, O'Connor

6. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR FEBRUARY 1 AND 8, 2022.

B. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - FY2022 SOR II Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Agreement

I move to approve the FY2022 SOR II Medication Assisted Treatment Agreement between the St. Mary's County Health Department and the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Detention and Rehabilitation Center for \$296,068 with no required match and authorize the Sheriff and Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan, O'Connor

C. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Visit St. Mary's MD Annual Report to Commissioners

Present: Chris Kaselemis, Director, Dept. of Economic Development
Barbara Sopato, VSMMD Exec Director
Regina Faden, VSMMD Board Chair

The annual update for Visit St. Mary's, MD was presented.

D. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Rural Legacy Area Preference

I move to select the Mattapany Rural Legacy Area as the County's top priority for Rural Legacy Area funding and have the Commissioner President sign all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan, O'Connor

E. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - American Rescue Grant Update

Present: Jeannett Cudmore, Chief Financial Officer

An update on the American Rescue Grant was presented.

7. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week and provided general comments.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into Closed Session to discuss Litigation and Personnel.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan, O'Connor

8. CLOSED SESSION

A. LITIGATION

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner
Catherine Pratson, Director Human Resources
David Weiskopf, Acting County Administrator
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(2) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:13 a.m. - 11:46 a.m.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room

Purpose: To discuss strategy for a case in Litigation.

B. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner
Catherine Pratson, Director Human Resources
David Weiskopf, Acting County Administrator
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:47 a.m. - 12:02 p.m.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room

Purpose: To consider or discuss the assignment, or appointment of a member of a public agency or employee.

C. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner

Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner
Catherine Pratson, Director Human Resources
David Weiskopf, Acting County Administrator
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland
Time Held: 12:02 p.m. - 12:04 p.m.
Location: Commissioners Meeting Room
Purpose: To consider salary request.

D. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner
Catherine Pratson, Director Human Resources
David Weiskopf, Acting County Administrator
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland
Time Held: 12:04 p.m. - 12:06 p.m.
Location: Commissioners Meeting Room
Purpose: To consider salary request.

MOTIONS IN OPEN SESSION

MOTION 1: I move to approve the State of Maryland Opioid State Subdivision agreement and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related document.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 2: I move to approve the pay increase for the Accreditation Manager in the Sheriff's Office as requested.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan, O'Connor

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:11 pm.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on February 1, 2022.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator